



St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church

"A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust"

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

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Office Hours

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 am 11:30 am
12:30 pm 4:00 pm
Wednesday-Friday 8:30 am 1:00 pm

Liturgy

Saturday Evening: 5:30 pm (Sunday Obligation)
Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:30 am
Weekdays: 7:15 am

Holy Days

Vigil: 7:00 pm
Holy Day: 7:15 am & 12:10 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 11:00 am - Anytime upon request

Baptism of Children

Through Baptism we joyfully welcome new members into the Community of Faith. Parents are required to participate in pre-Baptism seminar. For more information contact Molli Vassar.

R.C.I.A.

Through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults those who wish to become Catholic or wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith are invited to participate in a group of inquiries. For more information contact Molli Vassar.

Marriage

Couples who are interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage must consult the priest at least six months prior to the anticipated date. Pre-Marriage preparation is required of all couples. For more information or to reserve a date, please call the office.

Sacrament of the Sick

The Sacrament of anointing is a powerful Sacrament available to anyone who is ill. If you are interested in being anointed, please call the office.

Religious Formation

For information on Religious formation classes please contact Molli Vassar.

Schedule of the Week

Sunday, September 5

Children's Liturgy (PC) during 10:30 a.m. Mass

Monday, September 6

No Bible Study

Tuesday, September 7

Queen of Peace Prayer Group (C) 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 8

Adult Choir Practice (C) 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 9

Eucharistic Adoration (C) 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Generations of Faith Team Meeting (PC) 6:30 p.m.

Funeral Choir Formation Meeting (C) 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 10

Confessions (C) 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 11

Children's Liturgy (PC) during 10:30 a.m. Mass

Catechetical Certification Meeting (Church)

.....after 10:30 a.m. Mass

Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:30 p.m.

September 4

50th Wedding Anniversary of Ed & Nancy Micher

Sunday

8:30 a.m.

September 5

+Theodore Chesler (C. Stotelmyer)
+James & Louise O'Brien (Family)

10:30 a.m.

Monday

9:00 a.m.

September 6 - Labor Day

+Deceased of Shimko/Gavorcik Families (A. Raho)

Tuesday

7:15 a.m.

September 7

+Evan Danko (E. Danko)

Thursday

7:15 a.m.

September 9

+Deceased of Oravets Family (C./D. Newell)

Friday

7:15 a.m.

September 10

+Walter Ribko (P. Dodson)

Saturday

2:00 p.m.

September 11

Wedding:
Bradley Triplett & Christina Kegg

5:30 p.m.

+Dominic & Gladys Imgrund (D./M. Vogelsang)

Sunday

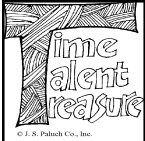
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September 12

+Angela Kostelnik, Michael Zavatchan, & Joseph & Anna Tajc (R./K./D. Boyer)

10:30 a.m.

+Albert Krupa (Wife & Son)



Stewardship

As our readings remind us this week, we are to make sure our priorities measure up to what we call ourselves to be. To follow the demands of Jesus in our busy world requires a great deal of sacrifice. It is good for us every now and again to look at our lives and determine if we are being good "stewards" with all that God has blessed us with. Last week we talked about humility as a virtue that allows us to truly know ourselves. This week we are being challenged to choose what we want to do with our lives, and just how far we are willing to go. As we look at how well we balance our Time, Talent and Treasure we should keep these ideas in mind. **Next week**, you will have the opportunity to offer your Time and Talent in the various ministries we have in the church. Spend some time this week thinking about how you might be able to "take up your cross" and share your gifts.



Queen of Peace Prayer Group

welcomes guest speakers and recent Medjugorje pilgrims and recent Monahan and Mary Jul and Jonathan Phillips, who will talk about their "Medjugorje Experiences" at the next meeting on **Tuesday, September 7 @ 7:00 p.m. in Church**. Please join us for this inspiring presentation. Everyone is welcome.

THE DIFFERENCE

*It is labor indeed
that puts the difference in everything.*

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Monday, September 6 @ 9:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Bondarenka, J. Brestensky, N. Hickle, K. Koffler, T. Ross, M. Vogelsang, A. Yezbak

Greeters: P./M. Fijalkovic, P. Richardson, A. Walters

Lector: J. Valentovich **Servers:** J. & J. Burns, K. Marunia

Saturday, September 11 - Sunday, September 12

5:30 p.m.

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers:

L. Conrad
M. Crackovich
H. King
B. Maust
J. Riffle
K. Rocca
C. Rozak

K. Brant
S. Brant
C. Crews
N. DiLeo
B. Hensel
J. Moran
J. Nypaver

B. Bowlen
J. Brestensky
D. Cummings
B. Johnston
E. Painley
R. Rice
T. Richardson

Greeters:

M. J. Albright
M. J. Mattia
R. Rae

Brant Family
Mechling Family
A. Walters

C. O'Brien
Richardson Family
C. Stotelmyer

Lector

J. Purcell

E. DeHaas

J. Gamon

Servers:

B. Crackovich
J. Purcell
M. Riffle

K. Alborg
R. Radvansky
M. Springer

T. Rice
K. Richardson
S. Urani

Children's Liturgy - Sunday, September 12

(P) T. Gamon

(A) T. Rice

(L) C. Monahan

Stewardship of Treasure	
August 29, 2010	
Adult	\$ 6,854.00
Children	\$ 13.75
Loose	\$ 643.00
Accent	\$ 6.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 84.00
Catholic Education Support	\$ 9.00
Assumption	\$ 43.00
Catholic University	\$ 565.18
Total	\$ 8,217.93
Envelopes used	404

Collection Counters - September 12

C. Crews M. J. Albright S. Tracy

Catechetical Sunday

The object of catechesis is communion with Jesus Christ. Catechesis leads people to enter the mystery of Christ, to encounter him, and to discover themselves and the meaning of their lives in him. (*National Directory for Catechesis* [NDC] [Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005], no. 19B)

This year Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated on September 19. Those who have been delegated by the community to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel as well as to rededicating himself or herself to this mission as a community of faith.

We will Bless and Commission our catechists on Sunday, Sept. 19 during the 10:30 a.m. Liturgy. We ask that you keep all of our catechists in your prayers as they embrace this mission from God to share our faith with your children.

RCIA

As we begin another year growing in faith through the RCIA, we ask that you pray for all who will be involved in this process. It is not just something that affects the people going through the RCIA; it involves and affects the entire church. If you know of someone who might have an interest, it is not too late to start. If there are any questions that you might have, know that you can call the office and we will gladly help you.

Photo Directory

I would like to thank all of you who came out to get your pictures taken for our photo directory. We ended up with a fairly good number of people, to all of you who came, I am grateful and thank you very much. If anyone still wants to have their picture put in the book, you can still have a portrait taken at St. Therese parish. Simply give them a call and they will help you schedule. If you have a picture that you have from some other occasion you can have that put in the book for \$10.00. If you have any questions, please give me a call at the office.
 Fr. Michael

St. John the Evangelist Regional Catholic School News

Week of September 6 - 10

- Mon. Sept. 6 No school - Labor Day
- Tues. Sept. 7 6:00 p.m. Sports Committee meeting
7:00 p.m. Core Team meeting
- Wed. Sept. 8 School Picture Day-students may dress up
- Fri. Sept. 10 9:00 a.m. Student Council Elections

Grade Eight is Great:

The Eighth Grade began the new year with great excitement. Though nervous about the academic challenges of algebra, physics, American history, y Espanol, the students eagerly look forward to the activities that make school so meaningful. In the next few weeks, they will have honored the faith and dedication of their grandparents at a special liturgy, elected student council officers, chosen their speech for the Forensic Tournament, and begun work on their service project-The St. Vincent de Paul Society. This year our school has a new name. We have some new students, new teachers, and a few new classrooms, but we have not changed in our conviction to live the gospel message and serve God, our world, and each other. As leaders of the school, we enter the year with pride; we are the "seniors" of the school. We come with a bit of apprehension; we only have 180 more days to prepare for high school. Most importantly, we begin this year with a sense of community. We are: St. John the Evangelist Regional Catholic School. "Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Parents of Parish Children in the First, Second, and Third Grades are reminded that the parish Sacramental Preparation Process **begins on Saturday, September 18 from 10-11 a.m. in the Parish Center. Attendance is as follows:**

- **If your child is in the First Grade**--Students who attend St. John the Evangelist Regional School do not attend these sessions. They do attend the Generations of Faith sessions with their families.
- **If your child is in Second Grade**--All students attend these sessions including those who are students in St. John the Evangelist School. They also attend Generations of Faith sessions with their families.
- **If your child is in Third Grade**--Students who attend St. John the Evangelist Regional School do not attend these sessions. They do attend the Generations of Faith sessions with their families.

Note: A complete schedule along with the diocesan and parish guidelines for reception of the sacraments will be sent out. If you have not received this mailing, or still have questions concerning your child's sacrament preparation, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 724-439-8723.

Annual Rosary Walk

All are invited to join in the 21st Annual rosary Walk on **Sunday, September 19th**. The walk begins at 2:00 p.m. at St. George Church and proceeding onto St. John Byzantine, St. John the Evangelist, St. Therese, St. Mary and concluding at St. Joseph.

The Radical Call of Discipleship!

This week we are presented with yet another paradox where Jesus seems to preach one thing and yet expect something completely different from his followers. The entire message of Jesus is one where we are called to be for one another, we are to love without question and give of ourselves without asking for anything in return. However, today we are told that if we are to be a follower we must hate our father mother, wife, children and brothers and sisters. This is a hard message to embrace no matter how we look at it.

Sometimes when we read the scriptures it is good to try and put ourselves in the place of the person who is being written about. In this case Jesus was making his way to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him there, people were following in droves waiting for this “coming of the Kingdom.” They had no idea what Jesus was really taking about. It most certainly had to be frustrating for Jesus to be surrounded by so many people who just didn’t get the message; they were just looking for what was in it for them.

Paul in the second reading is also asking something like the impossible when he is asking that a slave who had run away be embraced as a brother and given all of the privileges that a brother shares. It is a radical call to ministry, one that makes us stop and pause. This slave by law could have been tortured or even killed by his master for running away. It is an interesting thought as to what really happened. If Philemon was to show this great favor to the runaway slave, might not all of the other slaves suddenly develop an interest in baptism and pressure their master for freedom too? There is an intriguing opinion that Ignatius of Antioch, writing 50 years after Paul’s death, may have been, as Bishop of Antioch, the same person who was once the slave of Philemon!

Throughout history people have always had to make hard choices about following Christ, choices that involved sacrifice. During the early roman persecutions, many Christians renounced their faith to save their lives. Jesus gives us some difficult advice today: “You have to carry a cross if you want to follow me.” Discipleship is demanding and if we think differently, we need to look again.

We need to look at just what it is that Jesus expects from us. The Hebrew word for “hatred,” has no clear English equivalent. The word “hate” does not necessarily mean disdain or reject. It has more to do with an “order or priority.” Nothing can take priority over commitment to God. Simply put this gospel passage is about commitment. And all commitment involves some kind of cross. The question we need to ask ourselves is: what kind of commitment do we have to Christ as far as being a disciple is concerned?

None of us knows the mind of God as we are reminded in Wisdom from the first reading, but even though we don’t know God’s mind that doesn’t mean we can’t listen to God’s voice and follow that voice to the best of our abilities in life. To be a follower is to have our priorities in proper order. We need to know what is important and what is not. This will help us not only in following Christ but also in living our daily lives. Jesus is constantly inviting us to listen to him. We spend our whole lives bringing our fullest attention to what he is saying. Jesus lays out the radical demands of discipleship. Our human weakness begs us to call on God’s mercy and forgiveness when we cannot quite measure up. In all things, God will sustain us.

Funeral Choir Forming

Any person interested in participating in the formation of a Funeral Choir here at St. John Parish is asked to attend an organizational meeting on **Thursday September 9** at **7:00 p.m.** in **Church**. If you are interested but unable to attend this first gathering, please call Gwen Takacs @ 724-437-4524.

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St. Vincent de Paul Society of Fayette County Council will sponsor the annual *Friends of the Poor Walk—“Walk a Mile in My Shoes”* on **Saturday September 11**. The walk will begin at the SVDP store, 70 N. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Uniontown and will last from **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Participants can walk as much or as little as they wish and will enjoy a Gospel Sing as well as refreshments. Walkers donating \$10 or more will receive a t-shirt. All funds raised will assist the poor and needy in Fayette County. To donate or for more information contact Polly Simmons @ 724-785-9507. Donations are 100% deductible and will also be accepted on the day of the walk.

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Secular Discalced Carmelite Community of Uniontown will hold its annual Open Meeting at St. Anthony Friary, 115 Oakland Avenue, Uniontown on **Sunday September 12 at 1:15 p.m.** Men and women interested in the Carmelite way of prayer and spirituality may contact Anita Jones, OCDS @ 724-564-9486 or Pat Joseph, OCDS @ 724-564-0346.

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St. Joan of Arc Parish, Farmington will hold a **Spaghetti Dinner** on **Monday September 6** from **Noon to 7:00 p.m.** Menu includes spaghetti/meatballs, salad, dessert and beverage. Price is \$7.50 (adults) and \$5.50 (children under age 12). Take Out orders may be made by calling the Parish office @ 724-329-4522.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday: Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Thursday: 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13
Luke 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27
Luke 6: -42
Saturday: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49
Sunday: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; Psalm 51
1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Thomas Swenglish brother of Barbara Lang who was laid to rest last week. May God grant him eternal rest and comfort to his family.